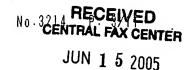
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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 15, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request entry into the record of the amendment and consideration of this response. A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month (3) extension of time accompanies this response. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No 50-1581.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.